

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF BALLARD)	
RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE)	CASE NO.
CORPORATION, INC. FOR A GENERAL)	2017-00093
ADJUSTMENT IN RATES		

ORDER

On May 23, 2017, Ballard Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. (“Ballard Rural Telephone”) filed a motion to withdraw its application without prejudice. In its motion, Ballard Rural Telephone stated that the purpose of the requested rate adjustment was to enable Ballard Rural Telephone to comply with the rate floor established by the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”).¹ On May 18, 2017, the FCC ordered a “freeze [of] the rate floor at \$18 for two years unless or until we take further actions in this proceeding.”² Therefore, Ballard Rural Telephone requests the Commission to permit it to terminate this case by withdrawing its application without prejudice. Ballard Rural Telephone also states it will promptly notify its customers of the requested withdrawal.

Ballard Rural Telephone has provided sufficient grounds to support its motion to withdraw its application. The FCC’s freeze of the rate floor has removed any need for a rate increase in basic local exchange rates at this time. The Commission finds that Ballard Rural Telephone’s motion should be granted.

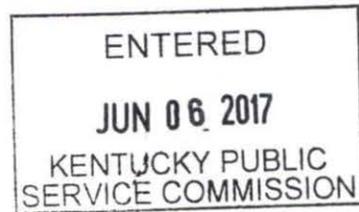
¹ See *In the Matter of Connect America Fund et al., Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 11-161* (Nov 18, 2011)

² Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Order, WC Docket 10-90 (May 18, 2017)

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Ballard Rural Telephone's request to withdraw its application without prejudice is granted.
2. This case is closed and removed from the Commission's docket.

By the Commission



ATTEST:

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